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HOMELESSNESS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

In June 2006, the County funded approximately \$100 million dollars for our Homeless Prevention Initiative. The Initiative includes \$15 million dollars in ongoing funds for ten key programs; and \$80 million dollars in one-time funds to end and prevent homelessness through housing and a variety of supportive services.

As we roll out new services throughout Los Angeles County, facilities must be established and operated with the full support of participation of the community in order to be effective. Long-term success in ending and preventing homelessness for single adults, families with children, veterans, the mentally-ill and those suffering from co-occurring substance abuse disorders depends upon cooperative working relationships with local government, business interests, service organizations, faith-based groups and engaged community volunteers.

In November 2007, the County initiated a meeting with key stakeholders from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (CoG) to discuss the development of a regional plan to address homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. The CoG is comprised of 31 member cities and 40% of the County's unincorporated areas; spans across the First, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts; and encompasses close to 2 million residents. Following the meeting, the CoG reviewed the complex issue of homelessness, including how it impacts their member cities as well as the northeast region of the County. Using the Homeless Count conducted in 2007 and other relevant data, the CoG estimated that 10,911 homeless individuals are living in the San Gabriel Valley at any given point in time, with over 27,000 homeless individuals residing in the region annually.

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As a result of the analysis, the San Gabriel Valley CoG decided to embark on what we believe is an historic effort to collaboratively develop and implement a coordinated regional approach to serving the homeless population in the San Gabriel Valley, thus exemplifying best practice findings that have shown that solutions to homelessness are best addressed by communities joining together on a regional basis.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the CEO to allocate funds from the Homeless Prevention Initiative Homeless and Housing Program Fund to the San Gabriel Valley CoG, as follows:

1. Set aside an amount not to exceed \$150,000 on a one-time basis for the San Gabriel Valley CoG to select a consultant to develop a Regional Homeless Services Strategy.
2. Upon submission and approval of the Strategy, set aside an appropriation not to exceed \$1.2 million per year to fund capital and service activities identified in the Strategy.

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